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Draft report

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Introduction

1. The Commission on Population and Development held its thirty-first session at United Nations Headquarters from 23 to 27 February 1998.

Chapter I. Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

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Chapter II. Follow-up actions to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development

A. Health and mortality

2. The Commission on Population and Development held a general discussion of item 3 (a) of its agenda, entitled "Follow-up actions to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development: health and mortality", at its 1st to 3rd meetings, on 23 and 24 February 1998. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Concise report of the Secretary-General on world population monitoring, 1998: health and mortality (E/CN.9/1998/2);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the monitoring of population programmes: programme experience in implementing health and mortality activities (E/CN.9/1998/3);

(c) Report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Task Force on Basic Social Services for All: health and mortality (E/CN.9/1998/4);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General on the activities conducted by non-governmental organizations and intergovernmental organizations in sexual and reproductive health and rights: three years after the International Conference on Population and Development (E/CN.9/1998/5);

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(e) Report of the Secretary-General on the flows of financial resources for population activities (E/CN.9/1998/6).

3. At the 1st meeting, on 23 February, the Director of the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat made an introductory statement.

4. At the same meeting, the Assistant Director and Chief of the Demographic Analysis Branch of the Population Division introduced the concise report of the Secretary-General on world population monitoring, 1998: health and mortality (E/CN.9/1998/2). The special discussant, Mr. Shiro Horiuchi of The Rockefeller University, also made a statement.

5. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Belgium, Indonesia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union, and associated countries), the United States of America, China, the Sudan, the Russian Federation, Jamaica and Turkey.

Reports contained in documents E/CN.9/1998/3-6

6. At the 2nd meeting, on 23 February, the Director of the Technical and Policy Division of the United Nations Population Fund made an introductory statement. Introductory statements were also made by the representative of the Technical and Policy Division of the United Nations Population Fund, who introduced the report of the Secretary-General contained in document E/CN.9/1998/3; the Deputy Director of the Technical and Policy Division and Chief of the Policy Branch of the United Nations Population Fund, who introduced the report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination Task Force contained in document E/CN.9/1998/4; the Chief of the Technical Branch of the Technical and Policy Division of the United Nations Population Fund, who introduced the report of the Secretary-General contained in document E/CN.9/1998/5; and the representative of the Technical and Policy Division of the United Nations Population Fund, who introduced the report of the Secretary-General contained in document E/CN.9/1998/6.

7. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, the Sudan, Ukraine, Egypt, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Sweden, Jamaica, Algeria, the Republic of Korea and Japan. The representative of the World Health Organization made a statement. The representative of the International Organization for Migration also made a statement. Statements were also made by the representatives of the Committee for International Cooperation in National Research in Demography (a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, Roster) and Advocacy for Women's Health (a working group of international non-governmental organizations).

8. At the 3rd meeting, on 24 February, statements were made by the representatives of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

B. Process for the quinquennial review and appraisal in 1999

9. The Commission on Population and Development held a general discussion of item 3 (b) of its agenda, entitled "Follow-up actions to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development: process for the quinquennial review and appraisal in 1999", at its 2nd and 3rd meetings, on 23 and 24 February 1998.

10. At the 2nd meeting, on 23 February, the Director of the Population Division introduced a draft outline of the quinquennial review and appraisal.

11. At the same meeting, the representative of Canada made a statement.

12. At the 3rd meeting, on 24 February, the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund made a statement.

13. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Japan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union, and associated countries), the Sudan, Indonesia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China), the United States of America, Brazil, India and Sweden.

Chapter III. General debate on national experience in population matters: health and mortality

14. The Commission on Population and Development held a general discussion of item 4 of its agenda, entitled "General debate on national experience in population matters: health and mortality", at its 3rd to 5th meetings, on 24 and 25 February 1998.

15. At the 3rd meeting, on 24 February, statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, Japan, China, Thailand, Kenya, Algeria, Canada, Pakistan, Mexico and the Russian Federation.

16. At the 4th meeting, on 24 February, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, the Republic of Korea, Egypt, the Niger, South Africa, Brazil and Ethiopia and the observer for Poland.

17. At the 5th meeting, on 25 February, statements were made by the representatives of India, Jamaica, El Salvador, Malta, Ukraine, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Turkey, Malaysia, Sweden, the Sudan, Indonesia, Peru and Malawi and the observers for Switzerland and the Holy See.

Chapter IV. Programme questions

18. The Commission on Population and Development held a general discussion of item 5 of its agenda, entitled "Programme questions", at its 5th and 6th meetings, on 25 February 1998. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the progress of work in the field of population in 1997: Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (E/CN.9/1998/7);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on the programme of work in population for the biennium 1998-1999: Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (E/CN.9/1998/8);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on the programme of work for the biennium 1998-1999: Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (E/CN.9/1998/CRP.1).

19. At the 5th meeting, on 25 February, the Director of the Population Division made an introductory statement.

20. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Bangladesh, the Republic of Korea and India and the observer for the Holy See. The representative of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations made a statement. The representative of the Population Institute (a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, Roster) also made a statement.

21. At the 6th meeting, on 25 February, statements were made by the representatives of Brazil and Kenya. The representative of the World Health Organization made a statement. Statements were also made by the representatives of the Economic Commission for Europe, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia and the Economic Commission for Africa.

Chapter V. Provisional agenda for the thirty-second session of the Commission

(To be completed)

Chapter VI. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirty-first session

(To be completed)

Chapter VII. Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

22. The Commission on Population and Development held its thirty-first session at United Nations Headquarters from 23 to 27 February 1998. The Commission held __ meetings (1st to __ meetings).

23. The session was opened by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, who also made a statement.

24. Opening statements were also made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund and the Director of the Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat.

B. Attendance

25. The session was attended by __ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations and for ___ non-member States also attended. Representatives of specialized agencies, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations also attended. A list of participants is given in annex __ to the present report (annex to be included).

C. Election of officers

26. At the 1st, 2nd, 4th and __ meetings, on 23, 24 and __ February 1998, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman:
Raj Karim (Malaysia)

Vice-Chairmen:
Robert Louis Cliquet (Belgium)
Osmane Mahamane Tandina (Niger)
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Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur:
William Toro Cabrera (Peru)

D. Report of the Bureau on its inter-sessional meeting

27. At the 1st meeting, on 23 February 1998, the Commission heard a statement by Mr. Rudolfo Tuiran (Mexico), who introduced the report of the Bureau on its inter-sessional meeting (E/CN.9/1998/CRP.2, to be issued), held under his chairmanship in Mexico City on 12 and 13 September 1997.

28. At the same meeting, the Commission took note of the report of the Bureau on its inter-sessional meeting.

E. Agenda

29. At the 1st meeting, on 23 February 1998, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda contained in document E/CN.9/1998/1, as modified upon the recommendation of the Bureau at its inter-sessional meeting. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters:
   (a) Report of the inter-sessional meeting of the Bureau;
   (b) Organization of work;
   (c) New proposals: reporting requirements and other proposals.
3. Follow-up actions to the recommendations of the International Conference on Population and Development:
   (a) Health and mortality;
   (b) Process for the quinquennial review and appraisal in 1999.
4. General debate on national experience in population matters: health and mortality.
5. Programme questions:
   (a) Programme performance and implementation in 1997;
   (b) Proposed programme of work for the biennium 1998-1999.
6. Provisional agenda for the thirty-second session of the Commission.
7. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirty-first session.

F. Documentation

30. The documents before the Commission at its thirty-first session are listed in annex __ to the present report (annex to be included).

G. Consultation with non-governmental organizations

31. In accordance with rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council, representatives of the following non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council, made statements in connection with agenda item 4:

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